



Wards 4 & 7 NPA
March 23, 2016
7:00-9:00 pm
The Miller Center, 130 Gosse Court, Burlington
Draft Minutes

Steering Committee Present: Matt Cropp-Ward 4, Ron McGarvey-Ward 4,
Linda Deliduka-Ward 7

Meeting Started 7:05pm

Ground Rules, Introductions, and Announcements:

The Steering Committee is reviewing what the role of advocacy is at the NPAs. Not leaving endorsements on seats so to avoid seeming that Steering committee endorses a position.

Speak Out

Development plans on wet lands at the end of North Ave. and question of public notice. Developers want to cut down trees and fill in this area. The issue is protected wetland and there's some watershed issues too.

Moving of Principals and accreditation of the High School concerns.

Let's Grow Kids Presentation:

Samantha Giroux-Communications Coordinator

Jessica McCloud-Volunteer on Lets Grow Kids Speaker's Bureau

Over 71% of Vermont's Children under the age of 6 have all their parents in the workforce so early childcare is a big need. Ensuring quality childcare that supports social interaction is important to building connection, trust and self-esteem for development.

Two problems identified. Lack of quality and the cost of quality. Parents can't afford to pay and providers can't afford to provide quality resources for staff and facilities.

State has Blue Ribbon Commission-Meets once a month. 2016 there is a plan for providers to provide high quality childcare. Looking at how quality childcare can stay open and support accreditation and training.

80% of children's brain develops in the first 3 year of life.

Serve and Return Model-Babies coo and adults respond. This interaction helps with building developmental foundation of social and emotional health. Children that have high serve and return experiences develop better connections.

Research shows that children not experiencing high Serve and Return have higher learning and behavior issues compared to those who experience high Serve and Return in their early years.

Currently paying for high quality childcare is expensive and hard to come by. There is a subsidy provided by the State but underfunded.

For more information: (802) 448-0483 or visit <http://www.letsgrowkids.org/>

HomeShare Vermont Presentation:

Kirby Dunn-Executive Director

Sally Ballin-HomeShare Vermont Host

HomeShare Vermont provides screening and matching of the right companionship for shared living. HomeShare negotiates the term of the match. HomeShare started 35yrs ago first helping seniors move in with other seniors. Later seniors wanted to stay in their own home which opened an intergeneration approach to match younger adult to seniors in homes. This exchange helped younger adults find reasonable rent while also providing seniors extra help with household chores. Now there's not an age restriction. HomeShare Vermont to helps anyone find the right shared living situation.

The term used for the home owner is; Host and the roommate is; Guest. Moving in to an establish home doesn't affect zoning or permits because it's a roommate situation. 90% become roommates from the initial arrange meeting.

Sally Ballin experience of sharing her home has "beyond her expectation". HomeShare helped her match with a roommate that helps with computer support, errands, companionship and this arrangement also provides an extra income for her.

For more information: Telephone: (802) 863-5625

<https://www.homesharevermont.org/>

Reflections and Suggestions for Improving NPA:

Announcement-Each month Ward 4 and 7 NPA Steering Committee meets first Wednesdays of each month at 7pm at the Miller Center. This meeting is open to the public.

Public Comments and concerns of NPA Ward 4 and 7

More presentations about City department-example, Leddy Park update.
Also hear more from City Counsel

Have Wards 4 and 7 NPA meet back on Thursday instead of Wednesday night. This meeting change will need to be based on Steering Committee and Miller Center availability for the upcoming year.

Not following By-Laws

-Article 2 when it comes to partisan position due to putting of positional information on NPA website and meeting space.

-Article 5 Election and serving of terms. Departing Steering Committee member departing in March cannot vote.

-Didn't see any sign on the avenue. Steering Committee elections need to be warned ahead of time. Have to advertise so the public be fully warned and can show up. Where is the Steering Committee meeting publicized? On NPA website and post on CEDO too?

-NPAs need to be nonpartisan.

CDBG Committee Report

*No CDBG representative present at this meeting to report.

Elected and Appointed Officials

David Kirk-Ward 7 School Board Member

School Board Negotiation update. No agreements were reached and the process is moving to fact finding. Press release on BSD website. <http://www.bsdrv.org/>

Currently finding a new home for On Top and Horizon's Programs.

School Board is behind the Superintendent and supports his decision to direct his personnel affairs. Will contact Superintendent of the situation of moving principals and report back at Wards 4 and 7 NPA meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45pm

Meeting Notes taken by: Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO, Community Development Specialist-Public Engagement.